





## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE

WE have this day authorized Mr. CHARLES BERNARD BROWN, A.C.A., to SIGN OUR FIRM name as a Partner.

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Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1918.

## NOTICE

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Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1918.

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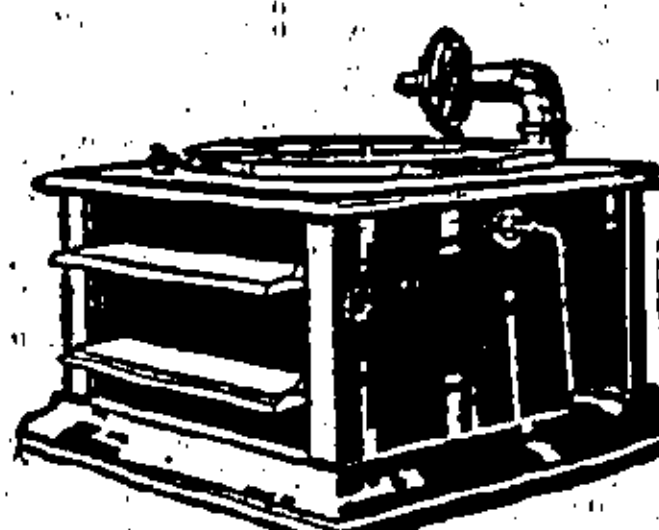
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## ON RETIREMENT.

Nature in old age likes to run on conservative lines. In old age, it would seem that habits—even, some doubtful ones—are better than no habits at all. Without them old people often drift aimlessly and with no guide on to the rocks. To sum up, temperance must go hand in hand with self-denial, and knowledge with personal experience.

We should never look on old age as necessarily a time of disease and decay, but rather as a time of peaceful rest; of cessation of growth but of ripening fruit. The knowledge of the world that comes from experience should keep us calm and contented and full of hope for those that come after us.

A concrete example of a life gone wrong and wasted is of more weight than many words. I have known well and watched a man for forty years. He had the fortune—or misfortune—to make a comfortable pile by the time he was thirty-five. He was a keen, capable, tireless Yorkshireman. He then retired and has never done another day's work since. He was proud of his early success, and has since spent his time in crowing on his own dunghill and in bullying his family—occupations not uncommon and clearly attractive to the human male. He has, without any vice, led a mildly luxurious, self-indulgent life. In these thirty years I don't think he has done a thing that he did not want to do. He has taken no real interest in outside things and has done no public work. His intellectual and moral standards have not moved forward one inch. Now at seventy-seven, though his bodily health is exceptionally good, his mind is a chaotic ruin. Though he has a son fighting in France, he refuses to believe that we are at war. He thinks his wife is his mother, and his memory, except for the far away events of his early life, has gone. This mental decay is not, as in many cases, the secondary result of organic disease, but is simply brought about by idleness.

He lived his life for forty years ago, and it is now so rusted and corroded that, as a talent, it is unrecognizable. His son put the case in a nutshell when he remarked: "You can't expect a man to do nothing for forty years, and not to pay the price." The above is no doubt an extreme example, but we must all of us know of others that approach it. How rarely we realize that there is a penalty to pay for doing nothing for forty years.

## THE SAMURAI SPIRIT.

JAPANESE SAILOR GALLANTLY SAVES HIS CAPTAIN.

Under these headings the London Daily Chronicle publishes the following story:

Yagi is a true Japanese. Not only did he gallantly save the life of the master of a British ship after she was torpedoed, but on being offered a money reward by the owner he refused it, saying—He only did his duty. So a gold watch with an inscription was given to him, and he has been recommended for a Royal Humane Society award.

A Naval patrol was in the vicinity when the merchant ship was struck, but there was a heavy sea running, and it was impossible to lower a boat. Several batches of survivors were rescued from bits of wreckage by carefully manoeuvring the ship, and when this had been done two men were seen about 50 yards away. One of them was holding the other's head out of water, notwithstanding that he himself was keeping afloat with difficulty and was being knocked about by the sea.

It was quite ten minutes before the ship could be brought into position to get these men on board, and by this time one was quite exhausted, and Yagi, who refused to desert his captain, was at the end of his strength. "Undoubtedly by his gallant self-sacrifice, Yagi saved the life of Captain," writes the commander of his Majesty's ship—and I cannot speak too highly of this man's brave and unselfish conduct.

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## THE CALENDAR.

## GENERAL MEMORANDA.

SUNDAY, Jan. 6—  
Chinese Festival of Hsiao-tin (Eight  
Cold).MONDAY, Jan. 7—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porce-  
lains, Kalamoon, Curio, &c. at  
Messrs. Hughes and Hughes' auction  
rooms.WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture &c.  
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CONGREGATION at Hongkong University.

MONDAY, Feb. 11—  
Chinese New Year.

## THE "CHINA MAIL"

## NOTICE.

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turned, the practical effect of the measure will be to create a moratorium. The value of the security they hold will drop to nothing. Transfers will be impossible. And in fact, property values generally will be seriously affected. Similar legislation is contemplated in the Straits Settlements, and the Straits Times in a trenchant leading article on the subject, suggests that there ought to be annulment of the previous Ordinance and not an amendment which deprives British subjects of a common right to buy and sell as between each other. "Are the whole of our rubber lands," it asks, "to be tied up in order that the Government may escape the embarrassment of having to say 'no' to a few undesirable transactions?"

The original legislation directed that no further applications for land exceeding fifty acres were to be received for the present, and that applications for areas less than fifty acres were not to be received except from British subjects or natives of the protected Malay States. It was purely a war measure. An authoritative statement on the subject published at the time pointed out that the right policy while the war lasts is maintenance, not expansion; that the Government is sparing every possible man to go home and fight, and has ruthlessly cut down expenditure on public works and public services generally so as to be able to give financial aid to the mother country; and that this contraction of staff and expenditure is only possible if work is correspondingly reduced, and the restriction to a minimum of work in connection with land administration is one way in which this is possible. Only the small holder, that is to say, for practical purposes, the Asiatic inhabitant of the country, had a claim to exceptional treatment, and he alone received it. Then the question of labour entered into the consideration. Estate labour in the Malay Peninsula comes mainly from Southern India, and in these times tonnage and man power are factors of importance to India and the Empire, and it was deemed inadvisable to upset the labour market by providing new fields for labour when labour will not be forthcoming to work them. There may be holes to pick in these arguments, but, generally speaking, a good case exists for that legislation, and it is to be regretted in the circumstances that it has not been allowed to stand till the war ends when the restrictions would be automatically withdrawn.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. P. H. Holyoak is to distribute the Prizes at the Italian Convent School on Monday next.

Rubber Companies interim dividends have been declared as follows:—  
Petaling 50; Cico 52; Oriental 5. Final dividends are Cashfield 30; Brooklands 12; per cent.

"Damon and Pythias," the much talked of film, is being screened to-night at the Peak Club. A portion of the proceeds will be given to St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers.

The thermometer at the upper station of the Peak tramway, this morning at 8.30 a.m., registered 43 degrees. At other places on the Peak, reading were as low as 36.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
Fork Guild (Western Market), \$135.

At the annual meeting of Glenaele Plantations, Ltd., the Chairman said the company had paid \$19,613 in war taxes. The estate and the finances were sound. A dividend of 10 per cent was conservative, but an early interim dividend would be declared if prices improved.

Mr. Denham Fuller will give the last of his informal Recitals at the Holms May Institute on Monday, January 14th, at 8.30 p.m. A collection will be made which goes intact to the Prisoners of War Fund. The programme will include a number of modern works in addition to other items.

## SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

In 1917, a large meeting of the children of the world was held at the Children's Congress in London. The children of the world were represented by delegates from all over the world. The Congress was a great success and the children of the world were very happy.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## HARBOURING A GIRL.

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with unlawfully harbouring a girl aged about 19 years, without the permission of her parents or guardians.

Defendants pleaded not guilty. Mr. McKay of the office of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs, said that Mr. Lindell had instructed him to apply for a remand.

Mr. Dyer Ball granted the application, and remanded the prisoners until next Wednesday, bail being fixed at \$250 each.

## ALLEGED EXPORTATION OF SILVER DOLLARS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with attempting to export 180 Hongkong silver dollars to Canton without a permit.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Fallon deposed, that last night he boarded the "Paul Beau." He went to the Comproder department, and had the safe opened. In one of the safe 180 silver dollars were found. Witness questioned defendant, who was the accountant, and the latter told him that the money was received as fares. Witness then spoke to the Comproder and the Captain. The former denied all knowledge of the money, and the Captain asked witness to let the matter drop, as it was only a small amount and intended solely to pay off the crew in Canton. Witness was not satisfied with the explanations and arrested the defendant.

After hearing further evidence, His Worship adjourned the case until to-morrow, fixing bail at \$300.

## AN INGENUOUS EXCUSE.

A Chinese youth was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning, with the theft of a quantity of brass and lead from the Kowloon Docks.

Mr. Tucker, head watchman of the Kowloon Docks, stated that the articles were found on the defendant's person as he was attempting to leave the yard.

Defendant's excuse was that he forgot to leave the metals behind in the workshop when he left off work. He was a brass fitter and the metals were used by him in connection with his work.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour and four hours' stocks.

## HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN NEW TERRITORY.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, with committing highway robbery in the New Territory on Christmas Eve.

Inspector Grant stated that on the evening of the 24th ultimo two Hakka women came from a village in the Saikung district to Kowloon city. They stayed in the city for some time, and then returned on their homeward journey. On the way they came to a tea-house which they entered and partook of some refreshments. Defendant and another man were standing at the door of the tea-house and when the women came out, they followed them. The unsuspecting women continued on their journey and when they reached a secluded spot in the Tai Po road, the defendant and the other man attacked them. One of the men pointed something covered with a handkerchief at the women, to whose frightened imagination it presented the outline of a revolver. The robbers then proceeded to depol the women of their money and jewelry, tied their wrists up with thin wire and decamped. A report was made at the Police Station and on the 31st ultimo, on information received, the defendant was arrested.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and stated that another man planned the robbery. He was the unwilling confederate and was forced to participate in the crime, "owing to the exigencies of circumstances."

Mr. Wood remanded the prisoner until next Wednesday.

## NECESSITY KNOWS NO LAW.

An old Chinese woman, clothed in rags and tatters, was charged, before Mr. Wood this morning, with the larceny of a ring.

Defendant pleaded guilty. How could she help it? The weather was very cold and it was necessary that she should have fire to keep herself warm.

Mr. J. R. Wood sentenced the defendant to seven days' hard labour.

## CURE THAT COUGH.

When you have a cough, remember that you are not alone. There are many others who are suffering from the same trouble. You can cure your cough by using the following remedy:—

Take one teaspoonful of the following mixture three times a day:—  
One ounce of honey  
One ounce of lemon juice  
One ounce of ginger wine  
One ounce of brandy  
One ounce of sugar  
One ounce of water  
Mix well and use as directed.

## ALLEGED THEFT OF RUBBER.

A Chinese and his wife were charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with the larceny of 280 lbs. of rubber, the property of the Kowloon Godowns.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty, but the man said that he was in charge of the lighter and was therefore solely responsible.

Inspector Gordon stated the first defendant was in charge of a Kowloon Godown lighter. On Tuesday night the lighter was ordered to convey from Holt's Wharf, 420 cases of rubber. The tally was correctly taken and the cases were put in the lighter and the hatches closed. The lighter was then ordered to take the cases to a Japanese steamer lying in the stream. During the process of loading into the steamer it was discovered that a case of rubber was missing. The tallyman informed the manager of the loss and investigations were set on foot. When the lighter returned it was searched, and a barrel containing 75 lbs. of rubber was found skilfully concealed in the sleeping quarters of the defendants. Further search was instituted by Mr. Summers and the head watchman, and the result was that the remaining 175 lbs. of rubber were found hidden between the framework of the lighter.

Mr. Wood remanded the case until next Tuesday.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

## AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday next, the day appointed by His Majesty the King as a day of prayer for God's blessing on our arms, the following services will be held in St. John's Cathedral:—

At 7.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins, special prayers and Sermon; 12 noon, Holy Communion; 3 p.m., the Litany for use in time of War; 6 p.m., Evensong, special prayers and Sermon. At 10 a.m. a service for children will be held in St. Paul's Chapel. The Bishop of Victoria will preach at 11 a.m. and the Rev. H. Copley Moyle at 6 p.m.

H.E. The Governor has intimated his intention to be present at 11 a.m., so also has H.E. Major-General Ventris and Commodore Sandeman. The Army is also to be represented by about 100 officers and men; and the Navy by a like number. The collection will be for Mine Sweepers. The musical parts of the service will be of a simple character as the choir boys are all in Camp. Kipling's Recessional will be sung.

## UNION CHURCH.

A special service will be held on Sunday next, at 8 p.m., at Union Church, in accordance with the King's wish that the day should be set apart as a special day of thanksgiving and prayer. The Rev. Kirk Macdonald will conduct the service, during which a collection will be taken in aid of the Prisoners-of-War Fund.

His Excellency the Governor, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Commodore Sandeman will attend the service.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

We are informed by Bishop Pozzoni that on Sunday, the 6th instant, there will be Thanksgiving Services in the morning in all the Catholic Churches throughout the Colony. In the Cathedral there will be a Low Pontifical Mass with special music at 9.30 a.m., and the Litany of the Saints will be sung at 5.30 p.m., followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Very Rev. Father Walsh will preach in the Cathedral at the 9.30 Mass on the necessity of thanksgiving and prayer during the war, and afterwards in St. Joseph's Church.

## THE FANTASTICS.

The Fantastic Stars are giving a special concert in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, to-morrow night at 9.15. A new and varied programme has been arranged. Seats may be reserved at Ogilvie's Music Store. A portion of the receipts will be devoted to war funds.

There will be no Lecture on Chinese History at the Holms May Institute on Monday, January 14th, when the collection will be made which goes intact to the Prisoners of War Fund. The programme will include a number of modern works in addition to other items.

## THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

## A RUMOUR OFFICIALLY CONTRADICTED.

With reference to a rumour current in the Colony that an amalgamation of the interests of the P. & O. and the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., is contemplated, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers, write us to say that they are authorised by the Board of Directors to state that there is no foundation whatever for such report.

This rumour of an impending amalgamation was current in London last October and was wired out by Reuters at the time. The Financial Mail of October 27th quotes the following paragraph from the London Daily Chronicle:—"Indo-China and P. & O.—Further appreciable rises have occurred in these shares, and as both are moving together, as though in inseparable amity, the market persists in talking of a contemplated fusion or rapprochement between these companies."

## HAINAN NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

## MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

There have been many rumours and much conjecture of late concerning the forces of General Lung Chi Kwong. About six thousand of his soldiers have left the island. Their destination is not publicly known here. There are probably three or four thousand remaining here, including the new recruits, some of whom are from the mainland, and some Hainanese.

## IMPROVEMENTS.

A good public road is now in course of construction from Hoihow to the north gate of Kiangchow City. The road is about two and a half miles long, and is to be made of concrete. Most of the grading has been done, and the work is progressing rapidly.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS.

The schools of Hainan are developing considerable interest in athletics. A few weeks ago the prefectural high school of three hundred students in Kiangchow held a very successful track meet, which was witnessed by a large crowd. Early in December the Paxton Training School, of the American Presbyterian Mission, held its third annual inter-scholastic track meet, in which competition was keen. On December 18-20, the new Kin San Normal School gave an interesting programme of drills, races, and basketball, football and volley-ball games, in connection with an excellent display of school work from that and other schools in this district. The mission schools in Nodda and Kauchek also recently held inter-scholastic athletic meets. All these affairs were attended by the officials and many spectators.

## PERSONALS.

Rev. F. P. Gilman, of the American Presbyterian Mission, has returned from furlough in America. He was accompanied by his daughter, who will do missionary work in Hoihow.

Mr. H. Bulmer, after spending several months in America, has returned to Hoihow to resume his duties as representative of the Standard Oil Company.

At the Christmas celebration in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Kiangchow, an offering of \$87.50 was received to be sent to Tientsin for the relief of flood sufferers.

## A SECRET SPECULATION.

CADET AND \$4,500,000 TO BE OBTAINED FROM JAPAN.

A curious story of an Australian cadet's signature to bills of exchange in a secret speculation was told when a Cheltenham firm of solicitors brought an action to recover £1,000 and interest on a bill of exchange against Sharnor, Sibthorpe and Allister Wharton & Co.

Cox, an Australian cadet, pleaded that he accepted the bill by reason of the alleged fraud of the drawer (Sibthorpe). He said that he met Lieut. de la Riviere, who introduced him to a speculation, the nature of which was a secret, but which, so de la Riviere told him, would show a profit of 800 per cent.

## SPORTING.

## GOLF.

## NEW YEAR COMPETITION.

The Ladies Tomb Stone Competition at Fan-Ling was won by Mrs. Falconer and the Hidden Prize by Mrs. Looker. The Men's Bogey Competition over the 18 Hole Course was won by Mr. A. B. Purves.

Mr. B. E. O. Bird won the Men's Bogey Competition over the Happy Valley Course with one up.

In the Play Off for the Mixed Four-some Competition, three couples tied again and they are requested to kindly arrange for the deciding matches to be played on or before the 30th inst.

## FOOTBALL.

## HONGKONG LEAGUE (DIV. II.).

ROYAL ENGINEERS (RESERVE) v. KOWLOON.  
In this match to be played on Saturday on the Club Ground, Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m., the Royal Engineers (Reserve) will be represented by the following team:—Jarrett; Simonds, Cruickshanks; Guekew (Capt), Waller, Webster; Millard, Todd, Osborne, Baker and Rees.  
Reserves: Tidy, Durose.

Hongkong F.C. team:—Goldenburg, Cave, McWhin, (Captain), Ralston, Stewart, Rogers, Grimmett, Chasels, Gerrard, McTavish, Stalker, Reserves: Ralston and Wood.

## CANTON AMERICAN RED CROSS.

A case shipped on December 27th, 1917, to Colonel Gordon Hall, R.A.M.C., Red Cross Headquarters, Delta District, Cairo, Egypt, contained the following:—30 outing flannel shirts, 27 outing flannel suits, pyjamas, 9 outing flannel red jackets, 36 pillow cases, 12 doz. khaki handkerchiefs, 73 triangle bandages, 59 many-tailed bandages, 5 T bandages, 78 tray cloths, 20 surgical caps, 28 milk jug covers, 100 small swabs, 12 shell swabs, 36 gauze swabs, 8 chin bandages, 8 eye bandages, 1 knitted wash cloth, 1 knitted cleaning cloth, 22 pairs socks, 25y traps, 3 suits flannel, 3 suits khaki, 10 suits white duck, books, magazines, and one tennis bat.

## KOWLOON "OUR DAY" FAIR.

The following are the winning numbers in the big raffle:—

1st Prize, Diamond Brooch	117
2nd " Silver Tea Service	274
3rd " Marble Clock	342
4th " Ornamental Lamp	1174
5th " Silver Sweet Dish	1136
6th " Electric Iron	765
7th " Case of Pipes	686
8th " Case of Pipes	566
9th " Fish-Eyed Pearl Neck-lace	835
10th " Silver Photo Frame	1101
11th " Silver Umbrella	485
12th " Silver Photo Frame	1150

The winning number in the raffle for the silver-mounted bottle of Watson's Lavender Water is 37 (G. Martin).  
"Spud Tamson," ticket 63 (W. McKay).

The raffle for the Victrola will be drawn this evening.

The result of the golf competition will be announced later.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenks, D.E.F. (R.).

## DUTIES.

No member of the Police Reserve unless expressly ordered to do so, is required to perform any two of the following duties on one and the same day:—Patrol, Parade, Musketry, Lecture, Police School, or Prison.

Patrol duties must be performed in any such case.

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

Strict Observance of the requirements of D.O. 29 (a) is ordered by all ranks. It is re-published for information:—  
All Sick Leave Certificates, whether granted under Standing Order 84 (a) to cover absence from patrol duty, or under Standing Order 84 (b) to cover absence from any other duty, must be immediately communicated to the absentee's Warning Officer.

The hour as well as the date on which Medical Certificates are issued and received must in future be endorsed thereon by the Surgeon Superintendent's Department and by Warning Officers respectively.

VALUERS, CONTRACT, 5.30 P.M.

With reference to Orders of 2nd and 3rd January, the following is to be included:—  
Friday, 11th January—Nos. 5 and 6 Platoon.

By Order:—  
A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.

## DON COSSACK POPULATION MOBILISED.

## GENERAL KALEDIN FORMS A CORPS OF 20,000 EX-OFFICERS.

London, Jan. 2. The Petrograd Correspondent of the Times states that the whole of the Cossack population of the Don Valley, including women, has mobilised for civil war.

Thousands of ex-regular officers have joined General Kaledin who has formed a corps of 20,000 of them.

The Cossacks have occupied Alexandrovsk and Orenburg without resistance.

The dispatch of coal to Northern Russia has ceased.

There are now 200 enemy delegates in Petrograd.

A number of Austrian and German prisoners near Petrograd were allowed to secure arms and raided and plundered the houses in the district. M. Avkentieff, a former Minister, has been arrested.

## CONFLICT BETWEEN UKRAINIANS AND MAXIMALISTS.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. Fighting occurred between a Ukrainian Lancer regiment and the Maximalists, between the stations of Gietek and Smolensk.

Two officers and a large number of men were killed.

## RUSSIAN SAILOR BECOMES COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. A sailor named Eremyeff has been appointed temporary Commander-in-Chief at Petrograd.

## A REFERENDUM IN ODESSA.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. A district referendum will be held at Odessa to decide whether Odessa shall belong to Ukraine or to White Russia.

## RUSSIAN "PROVISIONAL PLENI-POTENTIARIES" IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 2. A Russian message, transmitted by wireless, states that M. Troitzky has appointed Citizen Litvinoff, provisional plenipotentiary in London, and has ordered the present members of the Embassy, the Military Mission and other Russian officials now in Great Britain, to hand over all documents and monies to him and Citizen Karpinsky who has been similarly appointed.

## RUSSIANS DEMANDING A LOAN.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. A message states that the Russians are demanding a loan of two milliards of francs from the Austrians and Germans.

## THE FINNISH REPUBLIC.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. The Bolshevik News Agency states that the People's Commissioners have informed the Finnish Government of their willingness to recognise the political independence of the Finnish Republic.

## THE RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE.

## MAKERS AND WAR PRISONERS.

Petrograd, Jan. 2. At a meeting of the Austrian, German and Russian Delegations, for the purpose of ameliorating the condition of war prisoners, a Russian delegate protested at the imprisonment in Germany of German, Polish and Lettish pacifists, and said he hoped the Austrian and German Delegations were now appreciating the Russian revolutionary spirit and would protest to their Governments.

## BREAD STUFFS FROM RUSSIA FOR GERMANY.

Zurich, Jan. 2. The Frankfurter Zeitung states that the Government is taking up a half interest in a Berlin syndicate which is being organised for the purpose of importing bread stuffs from Russia.

The Government is assuming all risks and similar syndicates will be organised in Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey.

## ANGLO-FRENCH NEW YEAR GREETING.

Paris, Jan. 1. King George and M. Poincaré have exchanged New Year telegrams.

In his message, the King pays a tribute to France's magnificent courage and assures the President of his unshakable confidence in a victorious end to the great struggle.

M. Poincaré, replying, said the longer the war lasts the firmer is his confidence in the final success of the Allied arms.

## ITALY INTERNING ALL ENEMY SUBJECTS.

Rome, Jan. 2. The Government is interning all Austrians and Germans who have not, hitherto, been so dealt with.

## BRITISH MUSEUM COM-MANDEERED.

London, Jan. 2. The President of the British Association, in a letter to the Times, states that the British Museum has been commandeered, despite a strong and unanimous protest by the Trustees.

The Press is indignant at a report that the British Museum has been commandeered as offices for the Air Council.

## A KNIGHTHOOD DECLINED?

London, Jan. 2. It is announced that Mr. John Galsworthy's name was erroneously included in the list of persons on whom His Majesty conferred the honour of Knighthood.

It is understood that Mr. Galsworthy declined the honour.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

London, Dec. 31. The Silver Market is steady. The Market is to be closed on New Year's Day.

## RUBBER LAND RESTRICTIONS.

## F.M.S. UNOFFICIALS UNANIMOUSLY OPPOSE BILL.

At the Federal Council, at Kuala Lumpur on December 21, in the discussion on the Land Restrictions Bill, the legal adviser, introducing it, said that the inconveniences foreshadowed by the local press were in the main correct. He thought there might be others.

The unofficial members all opposed the Bill, urging the shortness of the notice.

The Hon. Mr. W. F. Nutt said that considering what the country had done for the prosecution of the war it would be unfortunate if the Bill were rushed through without further consideration. He foreboded that a loss of income tax revenue would be brought about by the fact that no European capital would be put into rubber and inconvenience caused to estates in their infancy. He emphasised that land as security held by the banks would be generally depreciated. In cases of bankruptcy an estate would be valueless, as no one would bid.

The Hon. Mr. A. N. Kenion emphasised the difficulties on the score of nationality and urged that all people under the British flag should be considered as of the same nationality. The official view was that the Bill was only putting British subjects here at home on the same footing as British subjects abroad.

The High Commissioner agreed, however, to communicate with the Secretary of State the points raised by the unofficial members.

The Bill was read the first time and Council adjourned sine die. Following on the Federal Council meeting, the following cable was drawn up by the unofficial members and despatched to the Colonial Office: "The proposed amending enactment reduces the value of incumbrances registered against rubber land. It is absolutely imperative to protect holders of incumbrances registered on or before December 21. It is proposed, therefore, that such holders be authorised to buy at sales held to realise security; also residents of seven years standing who intend to continue to reside in the F.M.S. of whatever nationality. Sales from individuals to corporations, with 95 per cent. of capital held by the same nationality as the owner shall be allowed, and vice versa."

## POOR THE BEST SAVERS.

To celebrate the centenary of trustees savings banks the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Mayoress gave a reception at the Mansion House to representatives of such banks, including the Post Office Savings Banks, friendly societies, and other organisations interested in thrift.

The Bishop of London declared that people who saved money were saving the economy in the West of London, the new splendid examples of it in the East.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE ATTACK NEAR LA VACQUIERIE.

London, Jan. 1. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, states that the enemy's attack yesterday, to the north-east of La Vacquerie, was carried out after a fierce bombardment.

The attack was concentrated on a half-mile front and the waves advanced under cover of flammenwerfers.

Parties of the enemy swarmed into short lengths of the trenches on the right, but elsewhere they were unable to push the parapet in the face of the heavy machine-gun and rifle fire. Whilst our supports were organising the counter-attack, our gunners put up a fierce barrage against the invaders, driving them into cover. The result was that when we crossed the snow-clad ground, we took the whole of the trenches the Germans had gained and it was a very struggling remnant of the original storming companies which got back across "no man's land."

The New Year was ushered in according to custom.

At midnight groups of batteries put over salvoes of high-explosives in bursts of a dozen at a time, thus intimating that it was twelve o'clock. Then other gunners joined in punctually with firing, indicating the numerals of 1918, after which a bouquet of gas-shells was sent speeding, to bid "Fritz" a Happy New Year.

Naturally this form of greeting was resented in some places, notably near Arleux and Fresnoy, where a regular quarrel between the heavies blazed up.

The Scottish celebrations were more subdued than usual, possibly owing to the scarcity of whisky.

## YOUNG BRITISH AIRMAN'S ADVENTURES.

The Correspondent states that he has just heard a wonderful story of adventure of a young British airman who, in thick weather, landed and asked the peasants his whereabouts.

When he beheld a troop of German cavalry galloping towards him, he immediately opened his engine full out and skimming the ground, charged the advancing Germans. The leading officer fired his automatic pistol and the airman opened fire with his Lewis gun and killed an officer and numerous men and horses. The remainder bolted, but the airman intended leaving nothing to chance, so he flew a great distance to the west to ensure landing on the British side, and when he next descended it was to find his whereabouts for his recognised "Paris" a few kilometres away.

## THE ENEMY AIR RAID ON PADUA.

London, Jan. 1. An Italian semi-official statement says that in the air raids on Padua the enemy was deliberately seeking to wreck the most precious treasures of religious art. Last night's bombs were dropped on the Cathedral Church of St. Anthony, and the Church of the Hermits. Bomb splinters struck the Archbishop's palace and Monte-d'Alto. In numerous cases the explosions damaged old bronze doors, priceless paintings and statues.

In Capella St. George the celebrated Tizian frescoes were damaged and parts of the paintings were torn down by explosions.

## A BRITISH CRACK AIRMAN.

Paris, Jan. 1. A Correspondent at the British Front describes the exploits of an unnamed British crack airman who one day last week, brought down four enemy machines and on the following day three more. He has already 87 victories to his credit—ten less than Bishop, the British super-crack. He is a fair-haired, slight, delicate youngster, aged 22, and was formerly a mechanic in the Flying Corps but to-day he commands a unit.

## PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION.

## AN APPEAL TO LEND AND TO SAVE.

London, Dec. 31. The Prime Minister, in a message to the nation, appeals to all to do their utmost in these latter and trying days, for the cause for which the Democracies of the world are now leagued together.

In recalling the privations and sacrifices of the Armies, the Premier says that no sacrifices those at home are called upon to make can faintly approach what is hourly demanded of them, and emphasises that none are too old or too young to play a part. Lending and saving are specially important. It is the duty of all to save what they can and to lend what they can to the community.

Every man, woman and child might make it a point of honour to increase his or her holding in National War Bonds.

## NEW YEAR MESSAGES TO THE BRITISH ARMY.

## LONDON, JAN. 1.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has issued an Order of the Day to the troops, messages from the R.A. Hon. Mr. R. O. Ferguson, Governor of Australia, returning thanks for good wishes and assuring them of Australia's continued confidence in Sir Douglas Haig and his gallant troops; from General Botha, expressing best wishes that their heroic efforts will be crowned with a deserved victory and from the Governor of Newfoundland, wishing them the complete success essential to the well being of the civilised world.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

## VALUABLE FRENCH SUCCESS.

Paris, Jan. 1. A semi-official message states: The French attack mentioned in yesterday's Italian communiqué was launched after thirty-six hours' bombardment. Monte Tomba is 87 metres high and constitutes the last bastion of the mountain chain which defends access to the plain between the slopes of the Brenta on the west and the Piave on the east. The Italians were recently forced to abandon "after desperate resistance, valuable positions" to the Austrians, leaving no natural obstacle between the enemy and Treviso; hence the importance of restoring the position. The French showed really magnificent dash, regaining the mastery of Monte Tomba and capturing large booty, besides prisoners. The French success, both tactically and morally, is valuable.

## THE MAN-POWER QUESTION.

London, Jan. 1. Sir Auckland Geddes to-morrow begins negotiations with Trade Unionists with a view to recruiting exempted men.

## CONFIDENCE IN THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

Rome, Jan. 1. After a speech by the Premier, the Senate unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the Government.

## BRITISH MINISTERS IN PARIS.

Paris, Jan. 1. Mr. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Chamberlain have arrived.

## THE PEACE POSITION.

## CLEAR STATEMENT OF ALLIED WAR AIMS EXPECTED.

London, Jan. 1. The Daily Chronicle Lobby Correspondent says that Government circles recognise the Bessifonik proposals as indicating the new temper of the Central Powers and they constitute a grave new fact of which official cognisance must be taken. Already Great Britain, France, the United States and Italy are exchanging views and a clear statement of the Allied aims may at the very least be expected. Meanwhile the British Government is preparing for a long war.

## FRENCH SOCIALISTS AND THE WEAKNESS OF ALLIED DIPLOMACY.

Paris, Jan. 1. In the Chamber, M. Renaudel read a declaration on behalf of the Socialists protesting against the weakness of Allied diplomacy as regards the war and especially towards Russia.

M. Fichon, replying, refused to enter fully into the question raised by the Socialists and emphasised that France was acting in accord with her Allies.

## SURPRISING MARRIAGE.

## WIDOW WHO LEFT HER HUSBAND AT REGISTRY OFFICE.

"If ever there was a case which should be investigated," said Mr. Justice Astbury recently in granting an injunction, "this was one."

The chief figures in it were Miss Ruby Miller, the well-known actress, who in private life is Mrs. Vanson; her mother and other members of the family, and an injunction was asked for against a firm of solicitors and others to restrain them from parting with or in any way dealing with the shares or interest of the plaintiff until the trial of the action. The matter in dispute relates to certain reversionary interests in the estate of the late George William Miller, who left £25,000.

In an affidavit Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Vanson's mother, said that about a fortnight after the death of her husband (Mr. Miller) last June, Mr. Woodhouse Browne told her that on her remarriage the estate would be divisible among her children. He introduced her to Mr. Weiss, and they were married at the Registry Office on June 13. They both signed a paper that they would not molest each other in any way, and she had not seen her husband since.

An affidavit by Mrs. Vanson said that there was a substantial balance owing to Mr. Browne, who had advanced money to her to help the family, they being dependent on her earnings as an actress. Mr. Browne, for his part, denied Mrs. Weiss's story of the marriage, and also that the plaintiff's reversion was ever mentioned.

The half-yearly report of the Straits Trading Co., Ltd. shows a net profit of £11,497. A dividend of 10s. per share, and a bonus of 20 cents are proposed, with £100,000 to reserve and £114,497 carried forward. There was a net loss of £1,000 on the operations of the F.M.S. The new water supply works are nearly ready.

## THE WAR TIME ATTITUDE IN HONGKONG.

A Hongkong letter in the M.C. Daily News includes the following:

During the past three and a half years Hongkong has shown that it is not unmindful of those duties which claim recognition from every man of British race in the crisis through which the Empire is passing. It has given freely of its men and its money to help forward the cause for which the Allies are fighting; but there are still some among us who belittle everything that has been done, every effort that is made, and because a few play golf or indulge in an occasional game of cricket they point an accusing finger and ask us to compare our lot with that of the inhabitants of Belgium and to weigh our sacrifices against the terrible devastation wrought in that unhappy country. It will be generally found, I think, that these people are the most arrogant humbugs. Modesty prevents them from coming into the open and telling us what they themselves have done. They preach through the medium of unsigned letters in the columns of the newspapers and because it is perfectly true that we have escaped the horrors of war the words sometimes sting, and the cry is raised for guidance as to the manner in which more can be accomplished.

But what is the use of these anonymous correspondents prating about equality of sacrifice? They have no scheme or plan ready by which it can be brought about, and I expect they would be the first to protest if the Government stepped in and divested them of their accumulated wealth whereas, by their own reasoning, they should yield it gladly and be thankful that their lives were spared. Is it essential to the winning of the war that we should be miserable all day long? Granted that we cannot go to the Front and that we have invested all our savings in War Loans and give a fair proportion of our income to war-charities, are we traitors to the cause if we pursue our ordinary avocations with thankfulness that we have personally been spared any direct or serious hardship?

## THE ELDERLY MAN.

I have referred to this question because, apparently, there are still a good many people in the Far East who are never happy unless they are pointing out the path of duty to others. Just recently the leading hotel here announced that a band would play from tea-time until 7 o'clock in the evenings and that visitors might dance if they cared to do so. "Fancy," was the cry immediately raised in some quarters, "Hongkong goes dancing whilst thousands of our fellows are dying in France." Some voices on the subject were published and these were followed up by a letter in which the writer asked:

"Does it not follow that all dances, card-games, unnecessary drinks and food, and the like are more waste of the time, the energy and the money of the Empire? Are not all such amusements essentially selfish? Even if indulged in for the benefit of charity, would not the charities benefit to an equal extent if the time were spent in useful work, and the money sent direct to the charitable agencies? If the men have time for dances and the like, have they not time to go to the Front? If the women have time for bridge, etc., have they not time to relieve a man and send him to the Front, or at least to increase their war work?"

We copied the idea of the tea dances from Shanghai, where I believe they are extremely popular, so probably you have had these sort of questions asked by members of your own community. The writer of the letter of which I have an extract signed himself "Over-Age." Chadbad or Peckinoff would have been a more suitable pseudonym. I have yet to meet the man who has cut down his expenditures to the extreme limit in order that he may give to the war charities everything but the amount required for bare existence, who has given up all games in order that he may devote more time to knitting socks or other essential war work. Even if there was such a man he would not have the right to preach as this particular newspaper correspondent has done unless he had also thrown his savings into the common stock. Why should he keep back sufficient to ensure a comfortable old age whilst laying down a different law for others? If "Over-Age" can establish his claim to become of these "super-patriots" I will apologise. If he cannot he has no right to complain if he is called a humbug. The amount of cant for which the arm-chair critics of forty-five years and a half have been responsible since the commencement of the war has been wonderful.

## THE NORTHCLOVE MANNER.

## A REBOUND.

The following amusing juxtaposition of two Northcloves will be appreciated:

## WHO ARE OUR BOULI?

Names and Facts Wanted in the "Daily Mail."

The Daily Mail wants the names of every known pacifist or active friend of Germany in your city, town, or village (the names of every speaker or writer who have ever given the name of the pacifist to the public, and the names of those who have been in Germany—Daily Mail, Oct. 10, 1917).

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CHARGES AGAINST ENEMY SUBJECTS.

SINNECKER AND KREMLA AGAIN.

The cases of two enemy subjects were before the Mixed Court at Shanghai on December 24th. The *Motley* report says:

Georg Sinnecker, a German subject residing in Range Road, was summoned for that he, being the holder of a German registration permit card, did between the 6th and 15th inst. unlawfully fail to present himself at the Hongkong Police Station to have the said permit card checked, contrary to condition 3 of the said permit.

Defendant did not appear.

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The P.O. attempted to arrest accused but could not do so without the assistance of another Chinese and a Sikh P.O. On the way to the station, one of the Chinese P.O.s who had fallen down in the mouth by him, causing blood to flow freely.

Krenkel, in answer to the court, admitted he was drunk.

The assessor—It is really a weakness of youth—Why do you give way to this deplorable weakness? You are a German, and instead of taking him home to Broadway, as directed, the rickshaw coolie took him to the Pearson Road district, where there were houses of ill-repute. Accused added—"The coolie struck me on the neck and afterwards put me down and played with football with me" (Laughter).

The assessor said that what accused had stated about the coolie taking him to the Pearson Road district of the Broadway was probably correct. There were some rickshaw coolies who acted as promiscuous tourers and they could be seen at times on the Bund—"It was most deplorable, and the case would be adjourned for one week, a medical certificate to be produced in default of appearance."

The assessor said Krenkel had no money to give a drink. On the occasion, he would have to pay for six weeks' Krenkel's expenses, which he said would be £100. He said he would be £100. He said he would be £100. He said he would be £100.











